

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/702,038

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL

Art Unit

3673

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 11 September 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: The applicant displayed the invention to show that the cylinder of that accommodates the cam member deadens the sound made by the cam movement. Additionally, it was demonstrated the cam can rest in a retracted position for assembly into a desired application..

Claim(s) discussed: 1,27,28 and 31-33.

Identification of prior art discussed: 4,781,407 to Rauchhaus.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant discussed what the examiner was referring to as the cylindrical portion of the handle of Rauchhaus. The examiner stated that the curved end of the handle is the cylindrical portion. It was further discussed that the recitation of a cylinder on the handle instead of the cylindrical portion would read over Rauchhaus..

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Christopher Boswell/
Examiner, Art Unit 3673